

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TAKAHIRO MORO, ET AL.)
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AND METHOD)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Examiner is hereby directed to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Each of the documents has been cited in parent Application No. 09/970,916 and/or grandparent Application No. 08/768,579. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(d), copies of the cited documents are not being provided herewith.

US '654 issued from copending U.S. Patent Application No. 08/535,665 filed September 28, 1995, which was cited in the parent application.

US '546, US '796, US '628, US '779, US '843, US '799, US '395, WO '596, EP '182, and WO '804 were cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed October 5, 2001, in the parent application. WO '596, EP '182, and WO '804 were listed in a Search Report of a corresponding European application. The Examiner might find these documents relevant for the reasons noted therein. A copy of the Search Report is included for the Examiner's convenience.

US '639, US '434 and US '715 were cited by the Examiner in an Office Action dated January 28, 2003, in the parent application.

US '051 was cited by the Examiner in an Notice of Allowance dated June 15, 2003, in the parent application. US '051 issued from U.S. Patent Application No. 08/768,579, the grandparent of the above-identified application.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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